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1. A device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure comprising:
  - a body for engaging a support structure;
  - said body supporting at least one tensioner, said tensioner rotationally supported by said body;
  - said tensioner comprising at least one end;
  - a pawl supported on said body and rotationally movable to engage one end thereof with said tensioner;
  - a depression formed within and surrounded by said at least one end of said tensioner for rotation thereof;
  - said pawl having an engaging end perpendicular to said pawl, said engaging end further having a planer surface engaging end and engaging an area on the surface of a portion of said tensioner, thereby blocking rotational movement of said tensioner in one direction.
2. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 1 wherein said pawl is biased toward a position wherein said pawl engaging end is blockingly engaged with said tensioner.
3. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said body is unitary.
4. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical surface having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member inserted therein.

5. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 4 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of interior surfaces of said opening within said tensioner to accommodate thickened portions of said flexible member.
6. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 5 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.
7. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 2 wherein said bias is provided by a tension spring connected to said pawl.
8. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 1 wherein said body supports a pair of tensioners for rotation.
9. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 8 wherein said body is unitary.
10. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 8 wherein each said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical structure having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member.
11. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 10 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of said opening within said tensioners to accommodate thickness portions of said flexible member.

12. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 11 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.

13. The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of Claim 9 wherein said bias is provided by a tension spring connected to said pawls.

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